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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT FOLLOWING FINAL MEETING BETWEEN
PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRESIDENT CARTER

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1. ON FEBRUARY 16, IHANDED TO MINISTER OF INFORMATION ISSA AL KAWARI AN ENGLISH COPY AND AN ARABIC TRANSLATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT MADE AFTER THE FINAL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND SADAT. AL KAWARI, WHO IS ALSO THE OFFICE DIRECTOR OF AMIR KHALIFA, PROMISED TO BRING THE ARABIC COPY TO THE ATTENTION OF KHALIFA, WHO DOES NOT READ ENGLISH. THE DELIVERY OF THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT WAS UNFORTUNATELY DELAYED BECAUSE THE EMBASSY'S TRANSLATOR WAS DOWN WITH FLUE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

2. AL KAWARI READ THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH IT IN A DISCUSSION. HE WAS SURE THAT THE AMIR WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE STATEMENT AND BE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT SADAT HAD ACHIEVED SUCH A BROAD UNDERSTANDING ON PRINCIPLES.

3. COMMENT: WE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT AMIR KHALIFA IS PLEASED OVER THE SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO WASHINGTON AND WITH THE APPARENT RAPPORT ACHIEVED BY THE EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN PRESIDENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THERE IS A GENERAL APPREHENSION HERE

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WHICH CAME THROUGH IN AL KAWARI'S CONVERSATION WITH ME, THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY NOT HAVE THE WILL TO PUCH THROUGH A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTES. IT IS NOT THAT THERE IS NOT A TOUCHING FAITH IN PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS DESIRE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE TRAGIC MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE. THERE IS INDEED THIS KIND OF CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESIDENT BUT THE FEAR IS THAT POLITICAL FORCES INSIDE THE UNITED STATES WILL OVERCOME THE

PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO HAVE PEACE. THUS, EVERY CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESSS TOWARDS PEACE WILL BE DOUBLY WELCOMED IN QATAR WHERE THE AMIR IS CONVINCED THAT HIS OWN FATE IS LINKED TO THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE.

ENG COMMENT.

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